

VILLAGE OF DAWSON

SEPTEMBER 12, 2022

The Dawson Village Board Meeting was called to order by Mayor Dee Smith at 7:00 p.m. and followed by the pledge of Allegiance.

Trustees present were: Trustees Nancy Prytherch, Jacob Byerline , Terri Davis-Anderson and Robin Ashton-Hale, Jeremy Bounds and Josh Nibbe. Also present were Mayor Dee Smith, Treasurer Jody Prytherch, and Clerk Lynda Files. Attorney Scott was absent. Tyler Abbott was also present.

MINUTES: Jeremy made a motion to approve the August minutes and Terri seconded the motion. Motion carried with all ayes.

BILLS: Robin made the motion to approve the bills and Nancy seconded the motion. Motion carried with all ayes.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Jody went over all reports with the trustees answering any questions. She reported we had received Disbursement #7. She went over checks being sent to engineers and other bills pertaining to the new water plant. Robin made a motion to approved expenditures and Nancy seconded the motion. Motion carried.

PUBLIC FORUM: Robert L. Dennison, 429 Clear Creek Road has requested an adjustment on his water bill because of a leaky pipe which has been repaired. Robin made motion to approve and Nancy seconded the motion. Gary Taylor, 423 Blane Court requested an adjustment also for a repaired leak. Jake made motion to approve adjustment and Jeremy seconded the motion. Motion passed with all ayes. Cindy Backstein requested that a penalty charge be removed from her billing because she was late in receiving her bill which caused her payment to be late. This would have been the Post Office's problem not the Villages so therefore the Board stood by previous ruling that we cannot remove such penalty fees caused by the Post Office.

John Nunes appeared at the meeting to request some help regarding water bills he had to pay prior to selling the trailer park. Many of the residents had left the park owing balances. Some he cannot locate, some are deceased, etc. Jake made a motion to approve the adjustment and Josh seconded the motion.

NEW BUSINESS: Bill Lee from the Sangamon County Office of Emergency Management appeared and explained how the emergency alert system works. If the Village signed up for the service, whenever there is an emergency occurrence, such as emergency weather warning, boil orders, road closings or anything that would affect the Village population and they should be aware of, a message would be sent out over the phone. Their office would alert the Mayor or other designated person to send out the alert. There would be no cost involved with this service. The Board thought this would be a good asset to the community so the Mayor is going to follow up on this.

Tyler Abbott brought some ideas to the Board about getting a bike trail between Dawson and Buffalo. There is a grant available to help pay for this but prior to applying we need to have a plan in place. To have the engineer do the studies we would need approx. \$5,000. The grant is for 80% of the cost which leaves the Village with 20% of the actual constructing. Tyler said there would be no need to purchase any land. Needed land belongs to the State of Illinois (IDOT). It would need to be wide enough for a vehicle and also include building a bridge over the creek. Right now this is all in the planning phase. Board holding off until they can be given more details and figures on cost before any ruling made. Tyler will continue to investigate.

The Mayor reported joint seals are installed in the large sink hole that occurred. The cost was \$11,400 which will be covered by the Federal Government's infrastructure procurement from ARPA. The Mayor reported we had used these joint seals previously and they are working well. Terri made the motion to accept and Jake seconded the motion.

ENGINEER'S REPORT: The Board needed to approve an addendum to the Motor Fuel Contract. After reviewing it, Robin made the motion to approve and Nancy seconded the motion. Motion carried with all ayes.

OLD BUSINESS: NONE

TRUSTEE'S REPORTS: Terri had received reports that Ledlie Street's garbage containers had not been picked on the Saturday after Labor Day. The Mayor said he would call Waste Mgt. and see if they could arrange to have a truck come and empty them.

Jeremy and Jake both reported there are entirely too many yards not being mowed regularly and too many weeds and brush piles not being taken care of in the Village. They both felt the ordinance pertaining to unmowed grass, brush piles, etc. be enacted and if the Village has to go in and clean the yards up it would be for a charge. If that charge is not paid to the Village, a lien may be placed on the property. They felt letters being sent to the residents rather than the Mayor talking to them and making requests verbally would have more of an impact.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT: NONE

NEW WATER PLANT CONSTRUCTION: The plans called for the pumps to be covered by two 7x7 hinged doors on a cover. That turned out to be not satisfactory. Engineer agreed to building a small building over the pumps at no additional charge, however, we would have to provide the concrete pad. Tyler gave all the reasons this should be done. Cement pad would cost \$3,000. Nancy made the motion to purchase cement and Terri seconded the motion. Motion carried.

MAYOR'S REPORT : The Mayor reported the boring through the rock in the river is completed. The company is now locating the water main to connect it to. As soon as this is done, the job will be complete. Tyler Abbott suggested thank you tokens of some kind for a couple of homes that went above in letting large construction equipment, etc. to be parked in their front yards all these weeks. The Petersburg company doing the repair will take care of restoring the front yards from ruts, etc. that the equipment caused. Jake made a motion to do something in the "thank you" line and Jeremy seconded. The Board vote was Nancy – yea; Jeremy – yea; Robin – nay; Josh – yea; Jake – yea and Terri – yea. Motion carried with 5 yeas and 1 nay.

Mayor checked with Board regarding Trick or Treating for October 31st, 5 pm to 8 pm. Dawson Village sponsored wiener roast ok'd for October 22nd and Waste Mgt. All Town Garbage pickup for September 24th.

The Village needed an Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement with Mechanicsburg Township prepared. This was done and Jake made the motion to approve it and Josh seconded the motion. Motion passed with all ayes.

Jimmy Britz appeared at the meeting requesting the old trailer on Route 36 be removed. He has sold the property and the new owner requested moving in a double wide trailer. However, it is older than the ten years or newer requirement by a previous ordinance. He brought pictures of it to the board meeting for approval since it has been well taken care of and much nicer than the one there now. The Mayor asked for approval to waive the ordinance and allow the trailer to replace the one there now. Jake made a motion to approve and Josh seconded the motion. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT: With no further business on the agenda, the Mayor called for a motion to adjourn. Jake made the motion to adjourn and Josh seconded the motion. Motion carried with all ayes. Meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

DATE: _____

Lynda Files, Clerk